Engineering and Horticulture Departments. A system of regular inspection of branches has been devised under which inspection of each sensitive public dealing branch is made by the Branch Officer in the first instance and subsequently by an officer of another branch. The existing procedures and practices are under critical review. The Tata Consultancy Services have been engaged to simplify and streamline the procedure and tone up the administration.

Extension of Crop Insurance Scheme to dry land areas

1571. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Crop Insurance Scheme has not been extended to the dry land areas of the country ; and

(b) if so, the names of dry land areas which have not been covered by the scheme so far ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA) (a) and (b) The Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme being implemented in the country from Kharif 1985 is applicable to all the areas including dry land areas. State Governments and Union Territories implementing the scheme have notified areas for coverage under the scheme. Details regarding dry land areas not covered under the scheme are not separately collected and are therefore, not available.

Crop Insurance Claims

1572. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE :
SHRI LAL K ADVANI :
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN :

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what is the number of claims alongwith the value thereof which were received from various States for 1985 Kharif crop under the Crop Insurance Scheme ; and

(b) the number of farmers in various States, who have been insured and for how much, during the year 1985-86 ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Claims of the order of Rs. 101 crore were received by the General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC) in respect of kharif 1985 season. The claims amounting to Rs. 20 crore were found to be inadmissible leaving a balance of Rs. 81 crore.

(b) 35.99 lakh farmers were covered under the Comprehensive Crop Insurance Scheme during 1985-86 in various States for an insured amount of Rs. 774.44 crore.

Potential of Irrigation Schemes

1573. SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA :
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR :

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state :

(a) the estimated potential of irrigation schemes which were to be completed during the Sixth Five-Year Plan period ;

(b) when was each such scheme sanctioned ; and

(c) what were the estimated costs and the completion time in each case ?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND) : (a) to (c) Various major, medium and minor irrigation schemes taken up in different plan periods were completed during the Sixth Plan, and a potential of about 11.3 m.ha. was added. The expenditure in the Sixth Plan period was about Rs. 9333 crores.